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From the Duke of Savoy's Camp before Picighittone, Oct. 18. N. S.

YEsterday we passed the Adda, in order to attack this Place. As soon as the Troops were encamped, part of them were employed in getting Fascines, and making the other necessary Preparations for the Siege; and about 9 at Night the Trenches were opened within 400 Paces of the Palisadoes. We had in this Occasion a Colonel and two private Men killed, and 8 Men wounded. This Day we were joined by the Hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassell, with the Troops under his Command, which his Royal Highness reviewed this Afternoon, and found them, both Horse and Foot, in a very good Condition. A Garison was left in the Gena, on the other side of the Adda, with 4 Pieces of Cannon, which keep continually firing upon the Garison of Picighittone, and favour our Works on this side the River. We are in great Hopes of being Masters of the Place in 4 or 5 Days. Prince Eugene being marched to Tortona, soon made himself Master of that Town: The Garison retired into the Castle, which it is believed cannot hold out long. If his Highness should find a more vigorous Resistance there than is expected, he will leave a small Body of Troops to block it up, and march towards Alexandria, which Place will be the easier and the sooner reduced, because the principal Magazine there was lately blown up by Accident. The Duke has sent Prince Eugene a Reinforcement of 4 Battalions, and 3 Regiments of Horse, the better to enable him to make head against the Duke of Orleans, if he should attempt to return into Piedmont, as the Enemy give out he intends to do; but it is believed, that before his Troops can be recruited, and provided with Necessaries, to put them into a Condition to undertake it, the Season will be so far advanced as to render it impossible.

Vienna, Octob. 20. Orders are given for raising the Militia of the Upper and the Lower Austria, for the better securing the Country against the Incursions of the Malecontents; a Body of whom, under the Command of General Forgatz, has lately plundered a small Town near the Maros, called Zitzersdorf, and some Villages thereabouts. Letters from the Imperial Army under General Staremberg of the 17th Instant give an Account, That after the taking of Gran from the Malecontents, in which Place he found 69 Pieces of Cannon, several Mortars, and a great quantity of Ammunition, Provisions and Stores of all kinds, he marched the 10th to Neudorf, and demolished the Fort which the Malecontents had built there. The 12th he marched to Almosch; the 15th to Comorra, where he passed the Danube the next Day, and encamped near Zischo, where these Letters left him. General Palfi, Ban of Croatia, who had been detached a few Days before towards Alba Regalis, rejoined the Army the 17th, having supplied that Place with Provisions. They write from Gratz, That a strong Party of Imperial Horse met the 9th Instant one of 700 Malecontents, whom they entirely routed, many of the Enemy remaining dead upon the Place, and took from them 3 Standards and 4 pair of Kettle-Drums, besides other good Booty. Here are Advices, as well from General Staremberg's Army, as from Buda and other Parts, That they have News of General Rabutin's having defeated a strong Body of the Malecontents, and afterwards taken from them the Towns of Cassovia, Esperies and Tockay; which we hope will be confirmed.

Berne, Octob. 23. Letters from Milan of the 19th Instant, which came in this Day, give an Account, That the Prince of Hesse, with the Forces under his Command, joined the Duke of Savoy the 18th in his Camp before Picighittone, which Place his Royal Highness was then besieging, and hoped to be Master of it in few Days. Prince Eugene having taken Tortona, had begun the Siege of Alexandria, where a Bomb having blown up their chief Magazine, the Garison will in all probability be thereby disabled from making a long Defence. These Letters add, That Count Daun, with a Detachment of the Imperial Troops, has taken possession of Mortara, and afterwards rejoined Prince Eugene before Alexandria.

Leipsick, October 23. The Deputies of the States of Lusatia, who came hither to confer with the King of Sweden's Commissioners, to settle the Contributions which his Majesty demands of that Country, are returned home: Those of Saxony are still assembled here. Count Wratislaw waited upon his Swedish Majesty yesterday at his Quarters at Alt-Ranstad, to take his Leave, intending to set out to morrow on his Journey home. General Meyerfeldt, who commands the Swedish Forces in the Greater Poland, having sent an Express to the King with Advice, That the King of Poland was marching that way with his Army, and desiring a Reinforcement, several Regiments of the Swedish Troops in this Country are ordered to march to his Assistance.

Paris, October 29. Monsieur de Bezons came lately to Versailles, being sent by the Duke of Orleans to give the King an Account of the Condition of the Forces he has with him in Dauphine, and will forthwith return to Grenoble. All possible Endeavours are using to put that Army into a Condition to attempt to return into Piedmont; but both Officers and Soldiers being destitute of all Necessaries, and disheartened by the Hardships they have undergone in their late Retreat from thence, it is looked upon as impossible to supply them before the Season is too far advanced for such an Enterprize; and the very Report of it has occasion'd a great Desertion among them. There is Advice from Italy, That Prince Eugene, with part of the Confederate Army, has laid Siege to Alexandria; and some Letters say, that Place has surrendred. The Count de Medavi continued in the District called the Seraglio with the Forces under his Command: The remainder of the French and Spanish Troops were part at Mantua, with the Prince of Vaudemont; and the rest at Cremona, under General Toralba. They write from Madrid of the 12th, That the Duke of Anjou was at the Buen-Retiro; and that such Severities were used against those of the Nobility and Clergy who lay under suspicion of being well affected to the House of Austria, as will probably exasperate the Spaniards, and strengthen that Interest, which the French are endeavouring to suppress. The Posture of our Affairs being such as gives great Discouragement to the People in general, the writing and speaking of News is strictly forbid; and several Persons have been imprisoned on that account.

From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Ghistingien, November 1. *N. S.* Yesterday Morning the Duke of Marlborough, after he had received at Brussels the Visits and Compliments of the Council of State, and others of the Chief Nobility, and the Magistracy, left that Place, in order to return to the Army. His Grace was entertained at Dinner at Enghien by the Duke of Arschot, and arrived here in the Evening. Measures are taking for the Troops marching the 3d Instant towards their respective Winter Quarters; and his Grace intends in that case to be going at the same time towards the Hague.

Hague, Nov. 2. *N. S.* The States of Holland and West-friseland adjourned the 30th past for a Fortnight. The Duke of Marlborough returned to the Army the 31st past from Brussels, where his Grace has received all possible Marks of Respect; and is expected here in 4 or 5 Days, the Troops being to separate as soon as the Repartition of Winter Quarters for them is entirely settled.

Falmouth, October 21. This Day came in from cruizing the House of Nassau, a Dutch Privateer, having left at Lisbon a very rich Prize she took coming from the Havana.

Kensington, Oct. 26. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to appoint Mitford Crowe Esq; to be Governor of Barbadoes.

St. James's, Octob. 26. His Excellency Baron Spanheim having received new Orders from his Majesty the King of Prussia; in pursuance thereof returned from on board the Yacht in which he had embarked near Gravesend, in order to pass over into Holland; and this Day, being accompanied by Sir Charles Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, and delivered new Credentials as Ambassador Extraordinary from the King his Master; with which Character he has resided here several Years; and Her Majesty received his Excellency very favourably.

Notice is hereby given, That Money was remaining in the Receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer the 25th Day of October, 1706. to satisfy the 67th Payment on the Malt-Lottery Tickets, which are number'd from 41000, *to* 42000, *and all Interest due on such of the said Tickets that carry Interest to the said 25th Day of October, as aforesaid; and that there is also Money sufficient to pay all Demands for Principal and Interest due on the like Tickets, to the said 67th Payment: And all Persons concerned may come and receive their Payments accordingly at the Office in the Exchequer for paying the said Tickets, on Thursday the 31st Instant, or at any time after.*

Notice is hereby given, That a General Court of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen *ANNE*, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, *will be held at the New Buildings adjoining to the Banqueting-House in Whitehall, on Saturday next, at Ten in the Forenoon.*

By the Receiver-General for Prizes.

NOtice is hereby given, That the Officers and Company of Her Majesty's Ship Ferret will, on Monday the 4th of November, be paid their Proportions of the Prize Ship St. Peter of Bouilloigne; according to the Directions in Her Majesty's most Gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of Her Ships of War, &c.

Whereas, pursuant to a late Act of Parliament, Debentures have been issued by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ranelagh for paying and satisfying the Non-Commission'd Officers and Soldiers of the late Lord Lisburn's Regiment, what Arrears were due to them for their Service in Ireland, from the first of September, 1689. *to the last of December,* 1691. *These are to give Notice, That Mr. John Mercer, on Thursday next, will begin to pay the same to the proper Persons entituled, at his Lodgings at Mr. Wheatly's, a Carpenter's, next Door to the Golden-Bottle in King-street, St. Giles's, and will continue the same every Monday and Thursday, for Three Months following; in which time every Person concerned must make his Claim.*

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